

# News Summary and Index

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## NYTimes The Major Events of the Day APR 30 1975

### Vietnam

The United States ended two decades of military involvement in the Vietnam war as helicopters evacuated 1,000 remaining Americans and 5,500 South Vietnamese from Saigon. The final evacuation—some two hours after the White House had announced its completion—was the removal of 11 marines from the embassy roof. Officials said these security guards got out safely although small-arms fire had broken out around the deserted building. [Page 1, Columns 1-8.]

Helicopters from carriers in the South China Sea evacuated about 1,000 Americans left in Saigon. The war was ending with American fighter planes overhead and marines standing guard on the ground. Many Vietnamese were picked up; many others trying to go along were fought off. Four marines were killed—two in the bombardment of Tan Son Nhut airport and two when a helicopter plunged into the sea. Some newsmen and missionaries remained. [1:7.]

At least 74 planes of the South Vietnamese Air Force, including about 30 F-5 fighters, streamed into the U Tap Hiep air base in southern Thailand from South Vietnam without warning. The pilots and passengers—about 2,000 people—requested asylum, according to American and Thai officials. More planes are arriving. Thai officials said aircraft that would be returned to "the South Vietnamese government" and that those who arrived in them would have to leave the country quickly. [1:4-6.]

### International

The new Cambodian Government ordered the expulsion of 610 foreigners who had sought refuge in the French embassy in Phnom Penh. France's Foreign Minister, Jean Sauvagnargues, expressed concern that a proposed long road trip to the Thai border, beginning today, would be beyond the strength of some of the weakened foreigners. French demands that a plane ready in Laos be permitted to land to evacuate the ill have gone unanswered. President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing issued a statement calling for "an end to this situation, which is contrary to human rights." [1:3.]

United States and Greek officials announced in Athens that the home-port arrangement for Sixth Fleet ships at Eleusis will be ended and the American air base at

Athens Airport closed. The statement said that agreement is also expected on the elimination, reduction and conservation of other United States facilities. Those which remain open will be placed under Greek command, the statement said. [1:1.]

### National

Republican sources in Congress said they expected President Ford to set in motion shortly a gradual elimination of the remaining price controls on domestic crude oil, which apply to about 60 per cent of domestic production. Mr. Ford was expected to defer again an increase in the fee on imported crude oil. [13:1-8.]

There is a trend in American elementary and secondary education, public as well as private, toward systematic efforts to help students identify and develop their personal values. A New York State Education Department official estimated that 80 per cent of the schools in the state were doing something in the field of "values clarification" or "moral education." [33:1-2.]

### Metropolitan

Morris B. Abram, who has been heading the investigation of abuses in the nursing home industry in the state, proposed a series of changes in the laws governing them to deal with "the most serious abuses." Residents would be authorized to file class-action suits for violation of their rights and would be entitled to receive at least one-fourth of the daily government-paid reimbursement for each day of violation. [1:2.]

The state's Public Service Commission ordered the Consolidated Edison Company to raise rates for customers who use most power in summer and to cut them for those who create the least excess power demand. The change means no extra revenue for the company and will not affect the rates for the great majority of its customers—the 2.5 million who are small residential and commercial users. [1:1.]

Anthony M. Clark, chairman of the department of European paintings at the Metropolitan Museum, resigned in the first open challenge to the administration of Thomas P. F. Hoving. He is among several senior curators who have left in recent years. He found the administration unable to function "in any way that creates or preserves trust, confidence and decency." [1:2-3.]

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